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INITIAL POLLUTION REPORT
Montana Refining Oil Spill
Cutbank, Montana

I. HEADING

Date: 12/28/00
Subject: Montana Refining Oil Spill
From: Martha Wolf
POLREP NO.: POLREP 1

II. BACKGROUND

FPN NO.: S01010
Response Agency: EPA Region VIII
Address: 999 18TH Street, Suite 500
Denver, CO 80202-2466
Response Authority: OPA, CWA, PA (1990)
Party Conducting Action: PRP
Starting Date: 12/02/00
Completion Date: TBD

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Site Description

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The Montana Refining Oil Spill site is located near the town of Cutbank in Glacier County, Montana.

2. Incident or Release

On December 1, 2000, around 11:30 a.m., approximately 37,800 gallons of crude oil leaked from a five inch pipeline owned and operated by Montana Refining Company (MRC) and impacted a "dry" stock pond. National Response Center, Montana Department of Emergency Services, Glacier County Disaster and Emergency Services, Montana Highway Department, and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ) were notified. EPA dispatched an OSC who arrived on scene December 2, 2000. Immediate actions included using a vacuum truck to recover product from the stock pond, patching the hole in the pipeline to stop the leak, and conducting an in-situ burn. MTDEQ issued the burn permit on December 1, 2000, for the burn that took place on December 2, 2000.



IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Status of Actions

Excavation of the contaminated soils is ongoing. Material will be landfarmed.

B. Removal Actions to Date

MRC replaced the damage pipeline, recovered 12,306 gallons of crude, excavated stock dam and removed surface water.

C. Next Steps

The excavation and landfarming of contaminated soils continues. The OSC will continue to monitor cleanup.

E. Enforcement

To be determined.

V. COST INFORMATION

	<u>Est. Costs</u>
START	\$5,000
Ceiling	\$10,000